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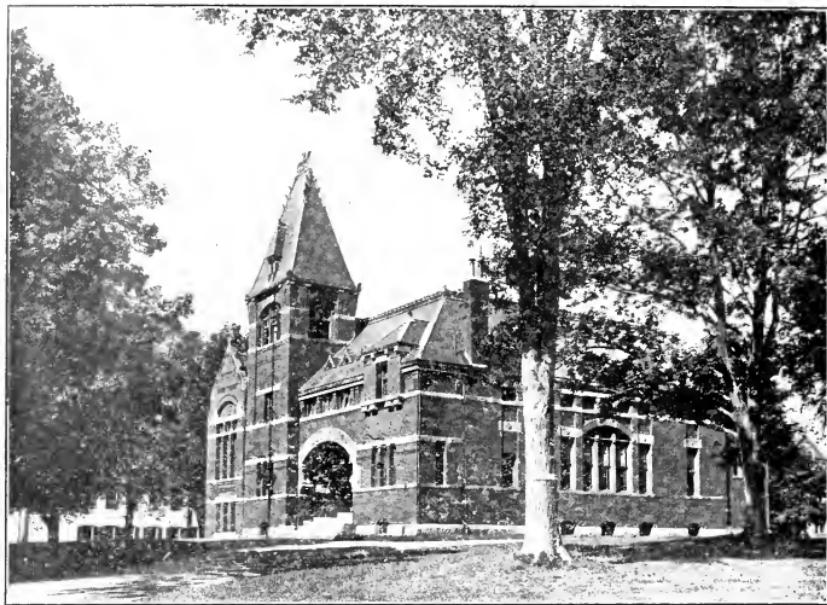


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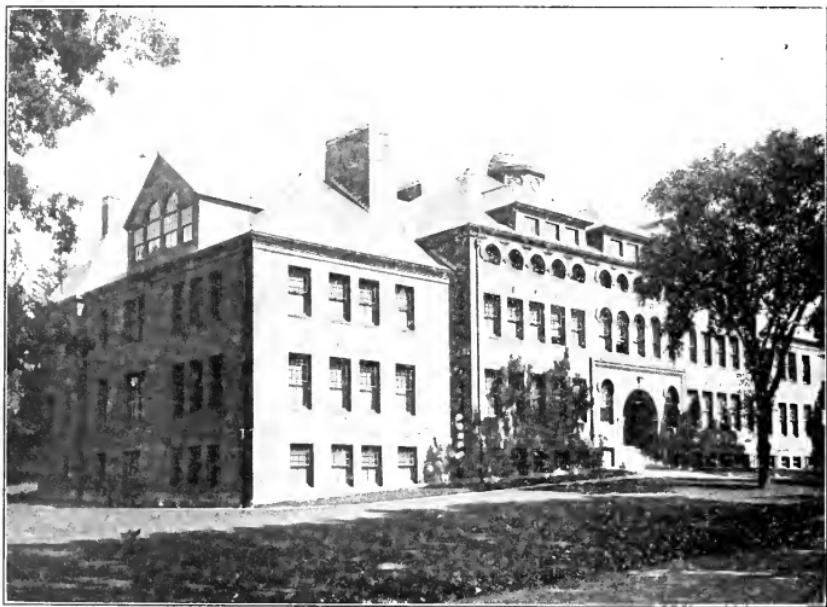
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The Town Hall, Milton Centre.



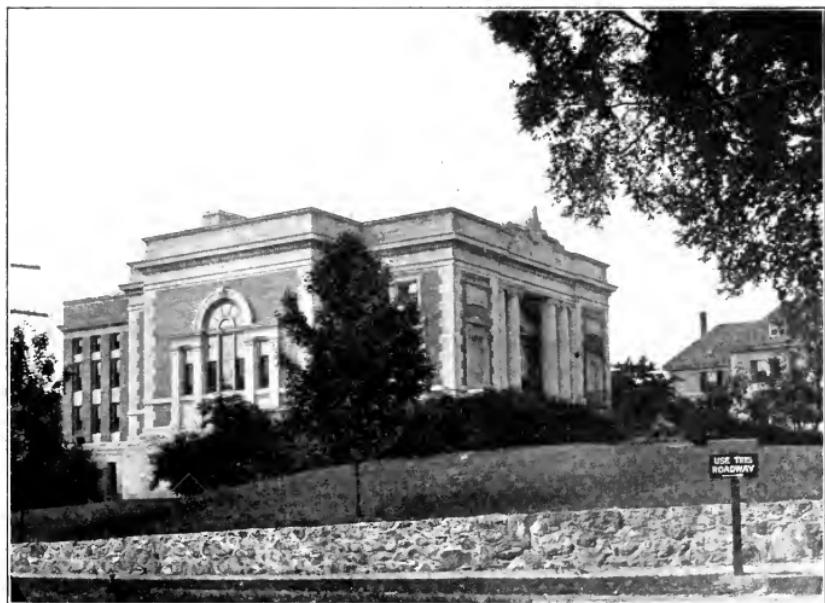
The High School Building, Milton Centre.

The Town of Milton

THE seal of the Town of Milton was adopted in 1878 and this bears symbolical representation of the physical aspect of the territory of the town and of the beginning of the settlement together with the motto in Latin: "Deus Nobis Haec Otia Fecit." The translation of this as given in the report of the Committee which selected the seal, "God hath given us this tranquillity," or "these pleasant things" may be regarded at once as an expression of due thankfulness and of proper appreciation of the natural beauties and advantages of Milton. In its extent of twelve and nine-tenths square miles from the Neponset River which separates the

town from immediately adjoining Boston on the north to the Blue Hills Reservation and the Canton line on the south one "pleasant thing" succeeds another in the view.

Extended or attractive vistas are presented almost everywhere. Hills abound and these include not only the high and notable elevations within the Reservation, but the many bearing on their crests or slopes some of the charming homes of the residents or certain of the more public buildings. Over and around these latter hills and others as well as through the more level places extend the well constructed and excellently maintained roads which are so marked among the



The Milton Public Library, Milton Centre.



The Unitarian Church, Milton Centre.



The Central Fire Station, Milton Centre.



The Congregational Church, Milton Centre.

pleasant features of Milton. The hills give diversity to the scenery while this is increased by the Neponset River and other water courses and such beautiful lakes as Hoosiewhisic Pond in the Blue Hills Reservation and Ponkapoag Pond through about the center of which runs the line dividing Milton from Canton. The trees which line so many of the avenues and roads of the town and the several bits of remaining woodland are additions of beauty.

Fortunately the natural advantages of the town have been enhanced by the manner of its development. It is no less fortunate that the various governmental departments are conducted, in so far as these have that power, to make Milton a place of altogether delightful residence and that the dwellings and public structures are so well worthy of their surroundings.

This land was explored by men of Plymouth in 1621, and fur trading with the Indians followed. For a while it was a part of Dorchester; but it was incorporated as early as 1662. The most important event, of general historic interest, transpiring in Milton then like the rest of Norfolk a part of Suffolk County, is commemorated by a tablet on the house of Daniel Vose, in whose house met the convention: "In this Mansion on the Ninth day of September, 1774, at a meeting of the Delegates of every Town and District in the County of Suffolk the Suffolk Resolves were adopted. They were reported to Major General Warren, who fell in their defense in the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775. They were approved by the Members of the Continental Congress at Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, on the seventeenth of September, 1774. The Resolves to



Buildings of the Milton Academy, Milton Centre.



The Episcopal Church, Randolph Avenue, Milton.



The Baptist Church, Eliot Street and Blue Hill Parkway, Mattapan.

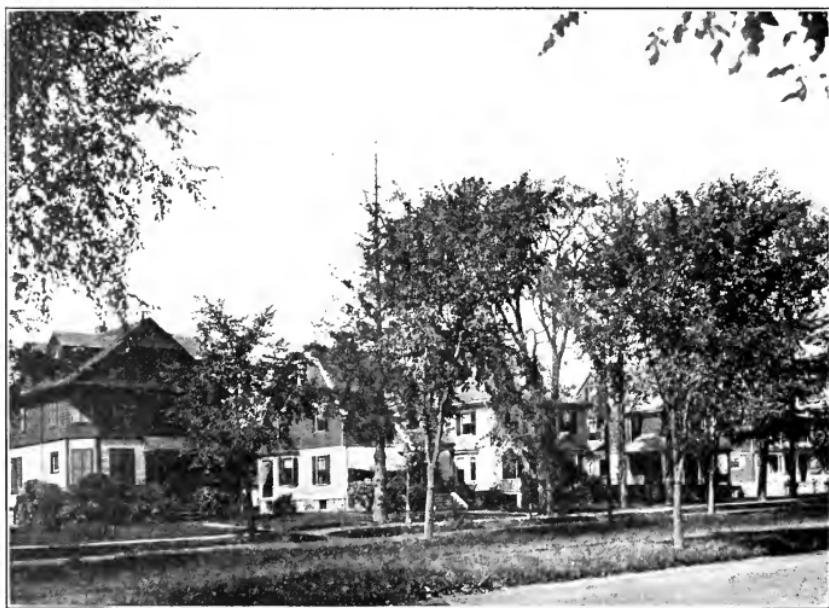
which the immortal Patriot here first gave utterance, and the heroic deeds of that eventful day on which he fell, led the way to American Independence. Posterity will acknowledge that virtue which preserved them free and happy."

In Milton of the present there is an estimated population of about seventy-seven hundred with about sixteen hundred legal voters. The prosperity of the town is exhibited by the valuation as stated in the Report of the Assessors for 1908 of \$12,223,445.00, on personal estate, and \$11,641,525.00, on real estate, in all nearly twenty-four million dollars. Milton is a station on the Boston Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad seven miles from Boston. On this road there are twenty-one trains out from Boston and twenty-two in from Milton daily; on Sundays there are four trains in each direc-

tion. The average running time is twenty-one minutes and the single fare is twelve cents; five rides cost forty-five cents; twelve rides, ninety-five, and twenty-five rides \$1.88. East Milton on the same system is eight miles from Boston and the average running time is twenty-six minutes. The single fare is fourteen cents; five rides cost fifty-five cents; twelve rides \$1.10; twenty-five rides \$2.13. There are to this station seventeen trains out from Boston and nineteen in daily; on Sundays six and seven respectively. Electric railways connect the villages or different parts of the town one with another, and so, together with the good roads to which reference has been made, promote the ease of intercommunication. Cars on electric railways run between the town and Quincy and Braintree, Randolph, Holbrook, Avon and so to Brockton; Canton, Sharon and



Residences on Randolph Avenue, Milton.



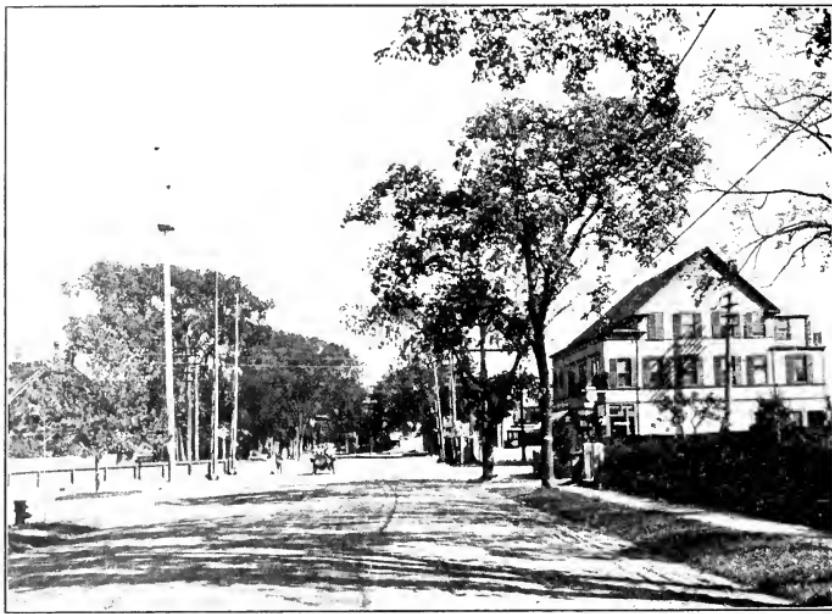
Homes Along Blue Hill Parkway, Mattapan.



On the Hill on Adams Street, Milton.



Houses on Grafton Avenue, East Milton.



A Part of the Square, East Milton.



The Congregational Church, East Milton.



The Baptist Church, Edgehill Road, East Milton.

Stoughton; while at Mattapan and Milton Village connections are made with the Boston Elevated System.

Public utilities have been well introduced in Milton. Water from the Nashua River Supply of the Metropolitan Water System is made generally available by the distributing plant owned and operated by the town. Gas for illumination and cooking is supplied by the Boston Consolidated Gas Company. All the more thickly settled parts of the town are sewered. At Milton and at East Milton are stores so stocked as to promote the convenience of the residents. Banking facilities are afforded by the Blue Hill National Bank and the Milton Savings Bank.

The streets of Milton are lighted by electricity all of every night under a five-year contract with The Edison Electric Illuminating Company. This Company also furnishes

electricity for the illumination of residential or commercial structures, as well as for power, at its standard rates as established throughout the thirty-three cities and towns it supplies with the electric current. The service of the Company is continuous during every hour of every day in the year.

Educational opportunities are afforded by the forty-five public schools and one High School, and in these a high educational standard is maintained. The eight public school buildings in the town provide accommodation for about fifteen hundred enrolled pupils and the buildings and their surroundings permit the exercise of that due care for the physical well being of the students which is now at Milton, as elsewhere, regarded as of equal importance as provision for their intellectual progress.

The Milton Academy occupies a group of notable buildings in large

grounds near Milton Centre. The Academy was incorporated in 1798 after a private subscription of \$3,000 had been made for the purposes of the institution; but half a Township or six square miles in the "District of Maine" was bestowed upon the Academy by the Commonwealth and the subscription was assumed by the town when the decision was made that it should be located here. The Academy has secured wide renown for the extent and high character of its preparatory work.

Protection against fire is afforded by an efficient fire department with apparatus consisting of one engine, one hook and ladder truck, one chemical engine and four hose wagons all suitably equipped and so stationed as to best meet any emergency. The police department is no less efficient in its own way and is amply sufficient for the protection of property and the due

preservation of order. There are seven churches,—Unitarian and Congregational, at Milton Centre; Baptist and Congregational at East Milton, and another Baptist at Mattapan; Episcopal at Milton Village and at East Milton. Members of other denominations find their churches conveniently near at Dorchester and at Quincy. The Public Library with its collection of over twenty thousand volumes occupies a very handsome building at Milton Centre near the Town Hall and the building of the High and Consolidated Schools. While the immediate proximity of Boston places its amusements and points of interest at the command of the residents of Milton, the local branches of fraternal organizations, the church associations, and several clubs of importance promote social pleasures or permit intellectual diversion.

There are unusual opportunities for outdoor recreation. There are



Bank Building and Other Business Structures, Milton.



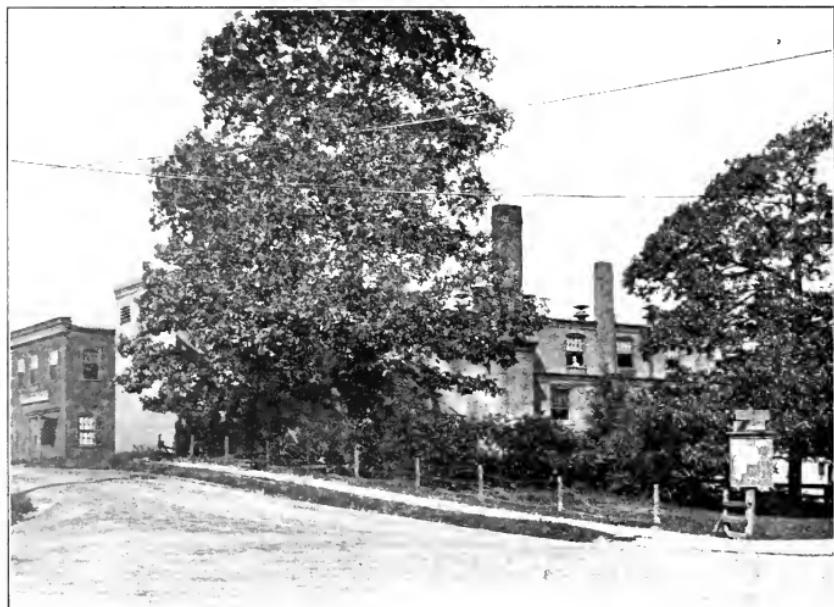
The Episcopal Mission, East Milton.



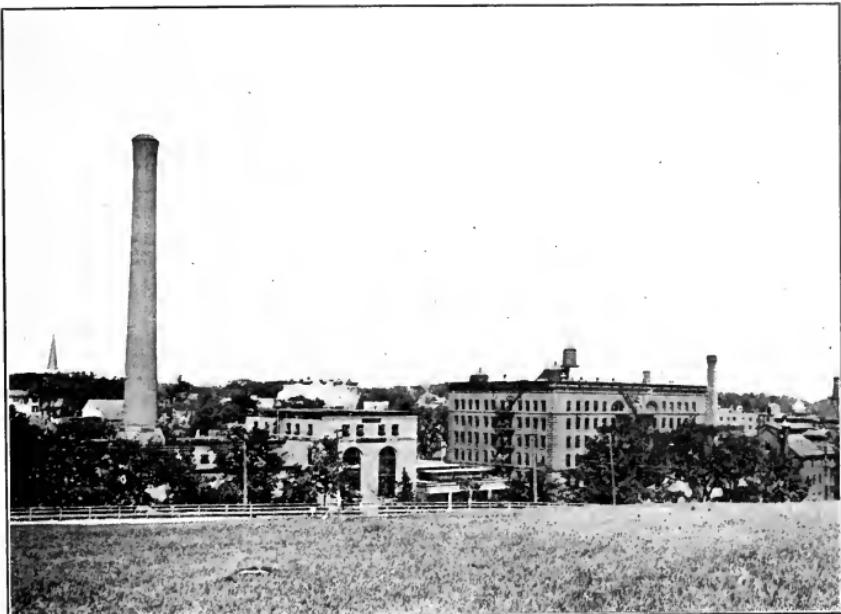
Police Station on Central Avenue, Milton.



The Tucker School on Blue Hill Parkway, Mattapan.



Works of National Biscuit Company, Milton.



A Part of the Important Plant of Walter Baker & Company, (Limited)
Is in Milton.

here over fifteen hundred acres of the Blue Hill Reservation and the pleasant paths, the woodlands, and the high hills with the comprehensive views they afford of lakes and sea and distant mountains, of wooded hills and cultivated plains, are within easy reach of all residents of Milton. There are also two hundred and seventy acres of the Neponset River Reservation while nearly four miles of the Blue Hill and Neponset Parkways give further opportunity for pleasant walks or drives. Moreover, play grounds are maintained by the town at East Milton, at Brook Road, at Dollar Lane and at Waterside Common. Near East Milton at Cunningham Park are extensive base ball grounds, tennis courts, squash courts, ice skating rink and gymnasium—all made possible by a bequest to the town by Mrs. Frances Cunningham.

In the western portion of the town several large home estates have been established during recent years, and here there are many other localities as favored by nature and as convenient in situation as those which are now occupied. Throughout all the land between the somewhat scattered villages there are many places where charming country homes may be created amid beautiful scenes and where the conveniences of life are readily obtainable. In the villages there are many attractive sites for dwellings suitable for those whose business or inclinations require that they should live in easy communication with the city.

Although it is as a place of satisfactory residence that Milton has attained its best and most marked development, several important industries are conducted here. In 1728 the first paper mill was estab-



At the Junction of Blue Hill Parkway, Blue Hill Avenue and Brush Hill Road.
Mattapan.

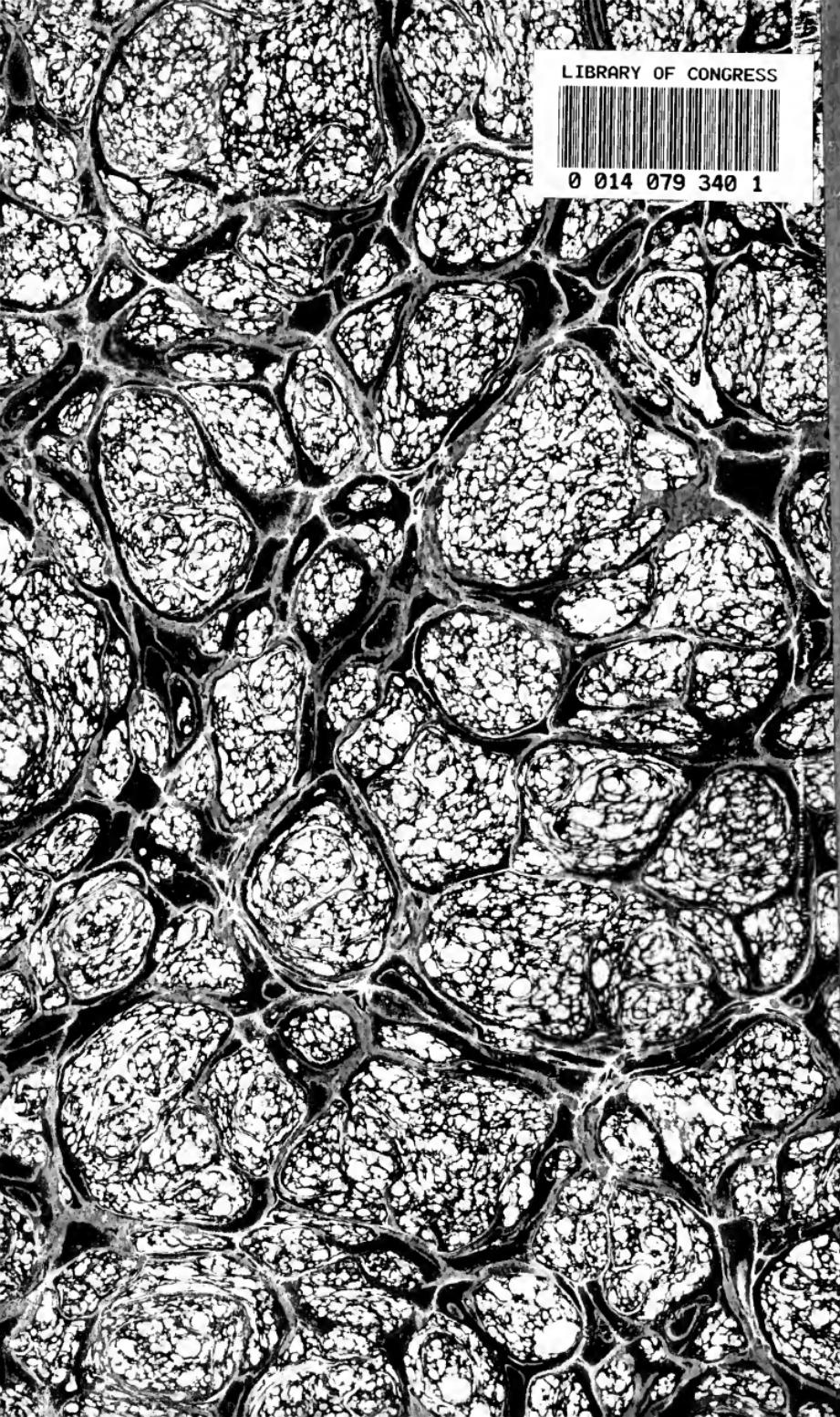
lished in Milton, and there is now here one of the mills of Tileston and Hollingsworth, manufacturers of paper. In 1801 Bent & Company began in Milton the baking of water crackers and the business is now conducted as a branch of the National Biscuit Company. The Strangman Manufacturing Company, makers of builder's finish and carriages, and the Meagher Soap Company carry on their operations here. Granite cutting has long been an important industry in Milton. The stone for the Bunker Hill Monument was quarried in Quincy

but it was almost wholly cut in Milton. Now, Maguire & O'Heron have their granite manufacturing yard and in this the material for the Pilgrim's Monument at Provincetown was prepared. In 1765 a John Hannan manufactured in Milton the first chocolate made in the British Colonies, and in 1780 Dr. James Baker began the manufacture of chocolate and these men may be said to have been the precursors of the widely known firm of Walter Baker & Company, Limited, a part of whose large and very important plant is located in Milton.

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